MONTEREY NEWS

SEPTEMBER 1991

TOWN NEWS

Two years ago, when the World War II Honor Roll was moved from its previous location in front of the church to its current location in front of the Town Hall, many people noticed that it was in poor condition and began to think about replacing it. Because of this interest, the Selectmen have formed a Veterans Memorial Committee. The hope is to create a comprehensive memorial, honoring Monterey veterans of wars as long ago as the American Revolution and as recent as the Persian Gulf War. (There is a World War I memorial in front of the Monterey Library.)

At an organizational meeting held on August 1, the following officers and members were appointed: Co-Chairs: Dean Amidon and Art Hastedt; Finance Committee: Henry Wolfer (Chair), Kitty Hastedt, Bill Zad, Jean Zad; Secretary: Georgiana O'Connell; Technical Advisor: Arnold Hayes (Veterans Agent); Design and Engineering: Edith Wilson, Ray Tryon; Research: Linda Thorpe, June Tryon. The next meeting was scheduled for August 22, with an agenda including discussion of proposed sites for the memorial, guidelines for inclusion on the memorial, design recommendations, list of wars, a financial report and listing new veterans.

The Selectmen have set the date of Saturday, November 16, for a special town meeting. The deadline for submitting items for inclusion on the warrant is October 21.

At the July 22 meeting of the Board of Selectmen, Lee Side Lodge tenant Denise Matteau played a videotape that she claimed showed building violations at the apartment complex. Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Matt Williams, owner of Lee Side Lodge, vacated his seat on the Board to address the charges, and Bill Bohn served as Acting Chair. Mr. Bohn said that he had received the report of the Building Inspector, whc had found two minor violations, both of which were corrected when brought to Mr. Williams' attention. Mr. Bohn also said that Fire Chief Ray Tryon had inspected the premises and found no evidence of fires or smoke, as Ms. Matteau alleged. Neither did the Great Barrington Police nor the State Police in Lee confirm Ms. Matteau's allegations of prowlers. Selectman Bohn stated that he had no choice but to conclude that most of Ms. Matteau's complaints were unfounded.

SUSAN McALLESTER

An upcoming issue of the *Monterey News* will contain a questionnaire about a new town hall. Selectman Bill Bohn said that the idea of building a new town hall has been around for many years and committees have come and gone, but nothing has been decided. Mr. Bohn believes that if the Selectmen are to seek funding, they should have a mandate from the town. If there is no public interest in a new town hall, Mr. Bohn suggested renovating the present structure.

The Board of Selectmen was advised by the Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) of Springfield of new restrictions on paper recycling. Any towns that fail to comply with the new rules will have their bins from the recycling facility returned. Towns will be charged for returned bins. The new rules for paper recycling go into effect September 16. They are reprinted elsewhere in this issue.

The following building permit applications were approved: Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Genovese of Main Road for the construction of a storage shed; Merry Berger of Mount Hunger Road for the addition of a screened porch.

— Maggie Leonard

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PLANNING BOARD NEWS

The Planning Board is pleased to announce that it again has a full complement of members. The Board of Selectmen in conjunction with the Planning Board has appointed Peter Brown to fill the vacancy left when Elk Dempsey moved from Monterey. Mr. Brown and new Planning Board Secretary Kim Hines were welcomed during the July 12 meeting.

On July 12, Mike Parsons of Kelly, Granger, Parsons, and Associates requested that the Board sign a Form A for John David O'Connor's plan to divide his property on Lake Garfield. The plan had previously been presented to the Board but signing was withheld pending the addition of a statement that the plan does not conform to Monterey's zoning bylaws (the configuration of the property pre-dates the bylaw). Satisfied with the statement, the Board signed the plan.

The Board reviewed the Fox Hill Realty Trust subdivision, noting the Town Clerk had not received any appeal of the Board's approval within the twenty-day period specified in the public notice.

Warrant items for the special town meeting, to be held on November 16, were discussed. Board member Maggie Leonard was asked to formulate a budget for the Planning Board Secretary for inclusion, with other budget considerations the Planning Board may have, on the warrant.

The Planning Board continues to work on a possible sign bylaw. We are looking at sign bylaws from other towns to help determine what will work best for Monterey.

— Maggie Leonard

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CHURCH NEWS

It's hard to believe that summer is almost over. Where has it gone? It seems like only yesterday that the kids were getting out of school and everyone was looking forward to a great summer vacation. Well, time flies when you're having fun, or so they say.

This summer has been a unique time for me and our church; a time for re-evaluation, a time of wrestling with the question: WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE? Out of that struggle has come an answer—a VISION for a renewed direction in our ministry. What follows is the introduction to a proposal I presented to our Parish Council in July sharing this vision.

> This year has been designated as our year of growth and opportunity. Our congregation has had the courage to commit itself to the support of a full-time ministry—the first ever in our almost 250 years of existence! Our goal has not been to "turn everything around" at once, but to develop a strategy for insuring a presence of ministry in our community for future generations.
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> As your pastor, little did I realize what was to take place during the first half of this year. As I opened myself to the challenge, I found myself confronted by an angel. Like Jacob, it was inspiring to catch a vision of a "heavenly ladder." I should have realized what was to come next—a wrestling match for which I was totally unprepared.
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> After six intensive months of "wrestling with the angel of our church," I have come away wounded yet blessed. The blessing I have been granted is in the form of a vision. Clearly, there are only two alternative directions for our church to pursue. The first is STATUS QUO. We can continue in a traditional format, remaining a small country parish with a basic Sunday morning emphasis. Because of the demographics of our area we will be severely limited in our growth and, most certainly, always be faced with an acute financial crisis. However, maintaining the STATUS QUO is not negative, merely one option that needs to be considered.
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> There is a second pathway: to affirm the unique talents and resources in our area and begin to plan for and implement an innovative ministry that can meet the needs of our community and serve, as well, as an alternative model for other "struggling" congregations.
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> What is unique to our situation? Monterey has been blessed with "people resources"—individuals intimately involved in discovering their spiritual identity and pursuing creative ways to live authentically their spiritual calling. Compared to other communities we possess a diversity of backgrounds, abilities and viewpoints that are unparalleled in the Berkshires.
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> After June's Parish Council meeting it became even more evident to me that a ministry founded in the theological perspective of "Creation Spirituality" is the new pathway our church family should be traveling. What is Creation Spirituality? The best way to explain this theological concept is to paraphrase the text found in the journal entitled *Creation* edited by theologian Matthew Fox.
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> *CREATION SPIRITUALITY applies a living cosmology of science, mysticism and art to current issues of our culture. It seeks to*

God is our creator. God made us in his image and likeness. Therefore we are creators. God gave us a garden to till and cultivate. We became co-creators by our responsible acts, whether in bringing forth children, or producing food, furniture or clothing. The joy of creativeness should be ours.

— Dorothy Day

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present a living conversation in a spiritual tradition that is as big and diverse as creation itself, one that might heal the ancient wound of assumed antagonism between spirit and matter, soul and body, man and woman, God and the world. The goal is to bring out the wisdom and mystery of the cosmos itself as celebrated by today's sciences and the wisdom of Western mystics, primal peoples and artists. CREATION SPIRITUALITY provides practical ways to honor the artist in each person by way of rituals and arts as meditation, ways to celebrate the sacredness of the earth and all its creatures, and ways to nurture compassion and bring about the birth of a new creation.

These ideas come from my "wrestling match" and the creative brainstorming with a leadership ensemble comprised of Mary-Kate Jordan and Jan Aerie. This is a visionary, prophetic statement, but it is not cast in concrete. The movement of the Spirit will undoubtedly lead us down a pathway filled with surprises, change and serendipity. The angel of our church calls us on a journey of faith. What will our response be?

What followed was a comprehensive list of goals and objectives for this new ministry focused in "creation spirituality." The Parish Council endorsed the concept and commissioned a Long Range Planning Task Force to "flesh out" this new direction, secure feedback from congregation and friends, and then formulate a long range plan for our ministry. This plan is to be presented to the Parish Council in November. The members of this task force are Jan Aerie, Bob Emmel, MaryKate Jordan, Kathie Maye, Mary Ward, Kathy Whitten and myself. If you want to know more about this exciting adventure unfolding on the church's horizon just talk to any of these folks.

— Cliff Aerie

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LAKE GARFIELD ASSOCIATION NEWS

The Lake Garfield Association held a meeting on August 10. It was announced that the drawdown of the lake will begin on or about October 1. All waterfront property owners should make their plans for raking and general cleaning of their shoreline in mid-October.

Paul Carnese distributed a summary of state boating and safety regulations pertinent to Lake Garfield. We voted to endorse his addendum to the regulations. The addendum restricts water skiing and jet skiing to the large part of the lake.

David McAllester gave a progress report on his wildlife census. (See article "A Wildlife Census" elsewhere in this issue.) He noted that, for reasons unknown, the geese have vanished. He reported on three black bear sightings in the lake area and told us that there are coyotes in the vicinity.

We voted to recommend to the Conservation Commission that the three-year cyclical drawdown plans be followed.

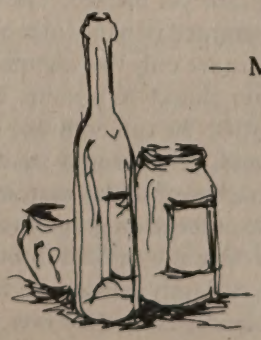
General information was distributed about septic systems, non-phospate laundry detergents and lower phosphate dishwashing products. We encourage all residents to use non-phosphate laundry detergents (all liquid products are non-phosphate, and some powders are, too—read the label) and Sunlight (Lever Bros.) liquid dishwasher detergent, which is the lowest phosphate product readily available.

The Lake Management Committee was charged with locating a professional scientist to monitor the lake regularly. The Committee is to determine the scope of the necessary services.

The 1992 Canoe Flotilla is planned for Saturday, July 11, at 10:00 a.m. It is not too soon to begin thinking positively about good weather.

General membership meetings in 1992 will be held on the last Saturday of each summer month at 10:00 a.m. in the firehouse (June 27, July 25 and August 29).

— Muriel Lazzarini



CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM

Summer is over. Schools and playgroups are about to begin. (Most playgroups will begin the week of September 19, but the complete schedule is not yet available. Call 528-9311 for more information during the month of September.) The CHP store has a new supply of t-shirts in various colors and sizes. We also have coloring books designed by volunteer Pamela Sigafoes, crayons, book bags and *Kid's Kure for Kabin Fever*, a book filled with activity ideas for children. The store will be open on Thursday afternoons this fall, or by appointment.

Parent-to-Parent volunteer training will begin on September 19, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at CHP and meet on September 26, October 3, 10 and 17 at the same time. Volunteers are matched with families of young children (birth to two years) and make a commitment to spend one or two hours a week assisting their families. A volunteer might be asked to help by taking a child to playgroup, taking the family to a doctor's appointment or shopping, or visiting in the home. Call Claudette for more information and an application.

Because several people have asked for them, CHP will offer a series of five parenting classes in October. The classes will deal with parenting styles, family conflict resolution and improving communication and cooperation within the family. Time will be set aside in each class to address specific problems class members want to discuss. Books for the class will cost $10. Call Claudette to register.

— Claudette Callahan

TREE WARDEN NOTES

Each year part of my tree warden's budget is spent on planting roadside trees in places where townspeople request them. Again this fall I'm asking people if they have trees they would like to donate for this cause. The plant material saving is $200 to $400/tree. The trees need to be well shaped and accessible by backhoe for digging.

— Roger Tryon

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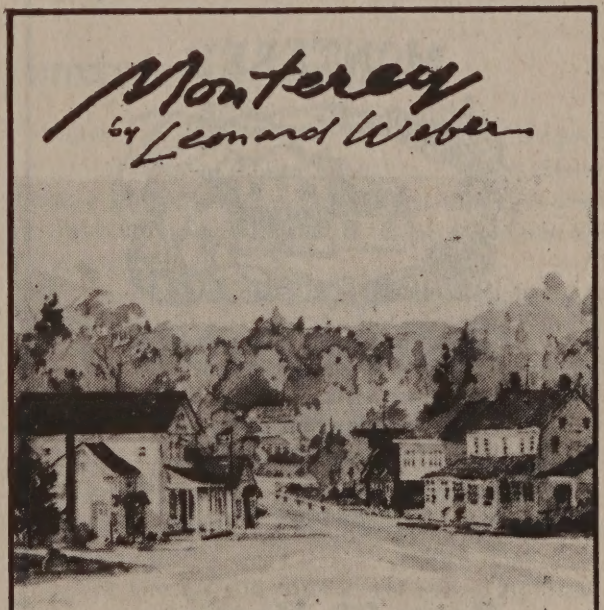

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COMMUNITY DINNER NEWS

Jane Bohn and Georgiana O'Connell have put together a wonderful program for the next Community Dinner. Julie Collier, a licensed bird rehabilitator, will bring along several birds of prey she cares for. While many of the birds she nurses back to health are returned to the wild, others would be incapable of surviving on their own. These are the birds she uses in demonstrations. In addition to the birds, Ms. Collier will display some Native American artifacts made with bird feathers and discuss the significance of birds of prey in Native American cultures. If you would like to attend this interesting event, which takes place at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 11, in the church basement, please bring along (in addition to the usual covered dish) a monetary contribution to help cover the cost of the program.

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NOTES FROM THE BIDWELL HOUSE

The Bidwell House continues to keep the dust of history at bay. This summer, the museum exterior was scraped and stained and clapboards and windows were caulked. Such maintenance prevents deterioration of the c. 1750 structure from our yearly extremes of temperature and humidity.

In July, The Bidwell House and the Monterey Historical Society co-sponsored a quilt lecture and display at the General Knox Museum in the Monterey Library. The event featured lecturer and quilter Marsha J. Schulte of Dalton, and the display of fifteen quilts, loaned by nine Monterey residents.

And helping in the never-ending search for documentation of The Bidwell House and its namesake family, Marie Bidwell Leuchs of Monterey presented the museum with photocopied ancestral letters. The original letters of Rev. Bidwell's younger son and daughter-in-law are in Yale University's Sterling Library collection. Dated 1804-1807, the letters between Barnabas and Mary Gray Bidwell complement a recently donated portrait of Mary Gray Bidwell to the museum.

The Bidwell House will be open to visitors this year until October 13.

— Shirley Clute

COUNCIL ON AGING NEWS

Beginning in September, the Visiting Nurses Association will hold a blood-pressure clinic on the third Tuesday morning of each month, downstairs at the Town Hall. The clinics will be free, but contributions will be accepted.

There is now a Council on Aging information table permanently set up at the Town Hall. There are copies of Massachusetts health care proxy forms and listings of events sponsored by the Great Barrington Council on Aging.

Please call me at 528-1409 if you have any questions.

— Gerry McMahon

A COMMUNITY COUNCIL FOR MONTEREY?

About ten years ago I was having lunch at the Roadside Store (my office in those days) and, lo and behold, in walked Alice Somers. We sat and talked about life and Monterey. At one point she said what a good idea it would be to have a permanent council in town that would represent all of the varied interests in the community. At the time I was struck with the soundness of the idea. There is so much energy here. Wouldn't it be interesting if it were organized for the overall benefit of the community! I have always remembered that conversation.

Lately, I have been interested in how such a council could be organized. Now, the idea of a community or town council is not new. Lots of towns have them. But they are usually organized around special interest groups. Most people in the community who don't belong to these groups are not represented. This new concept is that a healthy community, or family, or society must include a balance of all of the aspects or dimensions of life, not just one or two. These dimensions are: Economics, Wellness, Ethics, Governance, Science & Technology, Social Action, Education and Aesthetics. The idea is that a society (or family, or community) that is only concerned with science and technology and economics and ignores ethics, education and wellness (or these aspects are low on the funding ladder) is woefully out of balance. Sound familiar? Or, as we see in Central Europe, those that are underdeveloped economically and technologically suffer in another way.

To apply these dimensions to Monterey, some examples are: *Economics:* the General Store, Walsh's, Hayloft, Roadside Store, Monterey Chevre, real estate agents, and any other businesses in town; *Wellness:* Gould Farm; any medical or health practitioners who are concerned with the health of the community; *Ethics:* Church and anyone interested in this area; *Governance:* Government officers — Selectmen, Planning Board, Board of Appeals, etc.; *Technology:* road maintenance, Bonner McAllester's environmental know-how; *Social Action:* Monterey Land Trust, church, in its social action role; *Education:* Kindergarten, Monterey Library, young people; and *Aesthetics:* tree warden, Monterey Arts Council, artists and musicians. There may be other dimensions not represented here. For me, this about covers it. But for others, it may not.

Now, let's imagine just a body of non-partisan, self-selected people who agree to meet monthly to help to further the advancement of the community. Someone wants to stage a town celebration. This person comes to the council meeting. And all of the resources of the town are represented, to give suggestions, to cite regulations, etc. Or a larger problem arises, one that could cause a lot of conflict. The council could swing into a problem-solving mode and deal with the issue in that body over a period of time. Anything that cannot be resolved then comes up in town meeting. Or someone comes and proposes that it might be time to work on low-cost housing in town. The council might endorse the idea (or not) and take it on as a project or simply function as an advisory body. Again, all the resources in the community would be represented on the council, and, because of that fact, the council would have a bird's-eye view of the town and its issues.

A group of us are calling a general meeting for Tuesday, September 10, at 7:30 p.m. to see if there is enough interest to pursue this idea. If you are interested, come to Alice and Arthur Somers' house on Tyringham Road, and let's talk about it. Or, if you can't come but are still interested, call me at 528-9636.

— Judy Bach

MONTEREY GRANGE NEWS

Monterey Grange #291 met on August 21 for a program with an agricultural theme. Charles Slater gave a very informative talk about the milk crisis in Massachusetts. There were poems read in honor of Ceres.

The recent food sale was a huge success, and the Grange wants to thank all who helped.

Several members attended Youth Night at the West Stockbridge Grange and Neighbors Night at the Stockbridge Grange.

The Grange has been invited to an installation and awards presentation at Cummington Grange in September, when the State Chaplain will make the presentations.

The Grange will have an exhibit at the Great Barrington Fair in September.

A. Wallace Tryon will be presented with a 65-year membership seal at his home at a later date.

The next meeting will be September 4 when officers for the coming year will be installed. Visitors are welcome.

— Mary Wallace

A WILDLIFE CENSUS

Did you know there are axolotls in Lake Garfield? And otters?

At the recent meeting of the Lake Garfield Association it turned out that four or five people had seen axolotls in the last few years but most didn't know what they were. The name is Nahuatl, a language that includes Aztec and Toltec, and means "water spirit"; it was originally applied to a large Mexican salamander of the genus *ambystoma* (blunt mouth). But we have *ambýstomata*, (accent on the second syllable), too: the tiger salamander, the spotted salamander and the marbled salamander. The first is mostly seen out West, but all three *can* be seen in the Northeast.

It's the larval stage of these *ambystomata* that is called "axolotl" in the United States: a big, blunt-headed salamander up to eight inches long, with frond-like external gills. If it comes out of the water it loses the gills, but under the right conditions it will stay in the water and breed, even though it is still in the larval stage.

There's much more to be said about axolotls, and mud-puppies, too, with which they are often confused, but the point here is that there are all kinds of wildlife in Monterey that many of us rarely or *never* see. Yet we have the resources for a census of our plants and animals that will enable us to increase our appreciation of the life forms that share this beautiful town with us.

The human residents, winter, summer, weekend, of Monterey are the resources. We can start the census right now. Just make a note of anything that seems worth noting to you and send it to our self-appointed Wildlife Census Committee. You can appoint yourself to the Committee, too, but so far we are: Dean Amidon, Box 41, 528-1233
David McAllester, Box 507, 528-1847
Bob Volckhausen, Bidwell Road, 528-1989

The function of the Census Committee is to collate the information we receive and issue reports from time to time. We will also get in touch with the Massachusetts Fish and Wildlife people when we hear of something special or think we discern a trend (coyotes coming back?).

The value of the Census is that we will be able to cite facts and figures instead of vague notions. If you think you've never seen so many perch in the lake as this year and you find a dozen other people saying the same thing, we've got more than a notion. If some of those people actually make an estimate of the number, and record the time, date and place, we're getting over into the factual.

How to proceed:

1. Send us any notions, vague or specific, comparing past and present. For instance, do you have the impression that purple loose strife is just beginning to appear around Lake Garfield, or elsewhere? When did you first notice it, and where?
2. Send us any observations you think are interesting, being as specific as you can. For instance: you saw a spotted salamander by your back doorstep, 9:00 p.m. April 15, 1991. It was about 8″ long and was gone by 10:30.
3. Don't forget things you *haven't* seen, such as where are Monterey's Canada geese?

A compendium of such information is both interesting and valuable. The departure of the geese might be an early warning we should pay attention to.

SOLID WASTE NEWS

Bob Gatten, our Transfer Station attendant, reports that each weekend, the bin for recyclable plastics is filled to overflowing. While it's admirable that we've taken so well to recycling, let's try to save space by crushing plastic bottles before dropping them into the bin. It's a great job for kids!

The new rules for paper recycling go into effect on September 16. If you are unsure of how to proceed, save the chart on the next page.

Those of us who have already changed our paper recycling habits have noticed a concomitant alarming increase in the amount of throw-away garbage we produce. It is good to know that our state legislature is working on a Recycling Initiative (H. 5202). This bill would require that all packaging used in Massachusetts meet one of three recycling standards by the year 1996. The standards are designed to reduce excess packaging, stimulate reuse, stimulate the market for recycled materials and require the packaging industry to participate in recycling efforts. If you'd like more information about the Recycling Initiative, call Amy Perry of the Massachusetts Public Interest Research Group (MASSPIRG) at (617) 292-4800.

PAPER RECYCLING DOs AND DON'Ts

	YES	NO
Newspaper (with inserts)	✓	
Magazines/Catalogues	✓	
Corrugated cardboard (clean)	✓	
Brown paper bags (grocery)	✓	
White letter paper	✓	
Beverage cartons / cases		✓
Books		✓
Cereal boxes / pizza boxes		✓
Cigarette boxes		✓
Detergent boxes		✓
Egg cartons		✓
Envelopes		✓
Fertilizer / feed bags		✓
Food packaging / food wastes		✓
Frozen food boxes		✓
Gift wrap		✓
Juice / milk cartons		✓
Paper plates / paper cups		✓
Paper towels / tissues		✓
Phone books		✓
Photographs		✓
Plastic bags		✓
Sanitary products		✓
Styrofoam		✓
Waxed paper / cardboard		✓

Some changes...

- Try to separate newspapers from magazines into bags for each
- Do not tie paper with string

Some reminders...

- Rinse bottles and cans
- No scrap metal (hangers, frying pans) placed with bottles and cans

"When in doubt...
...throw it out"

Thanks!

FIGURING THE PRICE OF GOAT MILK

Last year about this time we laid to rest our dear old milk goat, Chives. She'd been providing the whole family, but especially our two daughters, with fine fresh milk for years. When she finally went off to goat heaven, we had a big decision to make about our milk and goat futures. I'm here to tell you we made the wrong move, 180 degrees wrong.

We decided to get another goat. To make matters worse, we got a very special other goat, with much milking promise and even more sentimental value. We drove way down to Virginia to get her, brought her home in the back of the car, and bottle fed her for months. We named her and got to loving her even more than we had dear old Chives. But two days ago, if I had had a shotgun in my hands and any notion how to use it, she would be history, as I believe we say in gangland. She would be banging heads with Chives in goat heaven.

Maybe some people who read this have kept goats, or know people who have kept them. Maybe some even keep goats now. All these people know that goat keeping is a special kind of test. Our Virginia friends, the culprits who got us started with goats in the first place about fourteen years ago, said way back then that keeping goats is like having children and would stretch us in some of the same ways. It's true: baby goats are cute as can be, cute enough to make you forgive them just about any trial they may put you through. Also they are not as strong as you are, so in the end you can pretty much get your way. Same way with little children: they can be nuisancy, but the rewards are great and they don't weigh much —you can always pick them up and put them where you want them to be.

Our little goat has grown up about three-quarters of the way. She still doesn't give any milk—that is on the schedule for her for next spring, if she lives long enough. Right now she is bright, lively, adventuresome and she questions authority, as we say in parentland. The authority, when you are a goat, is the fence. Most of our fence is electric and gives a nice six-volt punch when it is working properly, which really is most of the time. Once in a while it is "down," in the language of computers and farmers, for reasons too many and mysterious to get into here, and when the fence is down, our young goat, Nizh, is always the first to discover it.

Like most kids at her stage of development, she is pushing her boundaries (the fence), sticking her head through, getting her neck dangerously close to the wire, reaching for a blackberry leaf or maybe just a blade of tall grass. Whoops! She touches the wire—. But wait a minute! Nothing happens, no jolt, no punch, nothing. In a flash she is through and what a fabulous world it is on the other side. There are fruit trees to girdle, a whole orchard full of them, and blueberry bushes to nibble. Ah, grapes! These people provide everything for an enterprising little goat, gone AWOL. My goodness, a huge garden full of broccoli, beans of all kinds, cabbages, and wonder of wonders, CORN. The rewards are great, for daring to risk a little electric zappage, and our Nizh never forgets a good thing.

We make a lot of phone calls, borrow mightier fence zappers than ours, raise the level of the fence by a foot or so. We also provide negative reinforcement for Nizh. We lure her close to us with bowls of grain, grab her collar, drag her to the souped-up fence, and hold her little nose to it. Zowee! She gets a punch (and so do we—this is some fence, from New Zealand). She immediately learns another thing: once you are out, under no circumstances let yourself get caught.

I don't need to tell you what summer in the Berkshires is like, in terms of juggling too many visitors, cultural events, daycamp driving, and home improvement projects. But just think of your full summer life here, your bursting engagement calendar and add to that picture an adolescent goatling who jumps like a gazelle and questions authority. Picture us headed out the door, running a little late to drop off the children and meet friends for dinner. Or maybe

we are all dressed up and zooming to play in our band for a wedding somewhere. Out the driveway we go, take a quick look out the window at the orchard to see if the plums are ripe yet, and . . . oh, no! Nizh is up there laughing up her sleeve as she offs another blueberry bush.

Please don't write or call with your solutions: leg-irons, a tether, more volts. We're going to figure this one out ourselves. I was shocked by my shotgun fantasy and have been making up to Nizh in her little pen. We can't let her go out in the electric pasture, so we have her corralled in a pen where we are all grouping, reassessing. The only goat up in the pasture right now is one who used to cause us plenty of the same kind of trouble in her day: dear old Chives. She lies under an apple tree up there (I mean well under) and never causes us a moment's grief. We don't get any milk out of her either, of course, but I'm wondering if we can afford goat milk at current local prices.

The main thing that keeps me from the shotgun solution right now is the knowledge that if we bump her off she'll have won. There will be two goat ghosts in the pasture chortling at us. And then there's that notion of being stretched the way children stretch you. If we can't handle Nizh, what are we going to do when our daughters start leaping the fence and gobbling down blueberries? Family therapy? Boarding school? More electricity? More grain? This is our chance to figure it out.

— Bonner J. McAllester

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MILKWEED

Walking by the woodshed
Much to my surprise,
Milkweed was in blossom
Before my very eyes.

The faded purple flowers
Were heralds for the King,
The black and orange Monarch
Would soon be on the wing.

August days are milkweed days-
Monarch butterflies are gay,
Until the winds of Autumn,
Sweep them both away.

— Sheldon Fenn
(in *Woodburn Farm*)

CHINESE AUTUMN

Yellow Gingko leaves
Blown down during last night's sleep
Make a soft new rug.

Where the fallen fans
Form their Chinese mat design
Gold now covers green.

We kick colors bright
Leading us to forest haunts
Autumn stirs our blood.

Miles of Gingko trees
Spread themselves across the hills
Radiant glory glows.

— Sue Moody

DOWN THE FARMINGTON

The waters swirl through the boulders,
Pouring in glassy slides,
Frothing in the shallows,
Plunging into effervescent pools,
While tall hemlocks
Spread cool, fragrant shade.

Scarlet lobelias dip their many heads,
Joe-pye weed stands at attention,
St. John's-wort shines its yellow stars,
Hairy skullcap grins its mockery,
Campion bladderwort inflates its sacs,
And the waters swirl through the boulders.

I'm up and away, into the world,
The airplane waits for me in the valley,
They are coming to meet me on the island,
They are going to want me to stay,
But I'll be coming upstream, singing,
Where the waters swirl through the boulders.

— David P. McAllester

Bring Integrity as a gift
Finally—W. S. Merwin

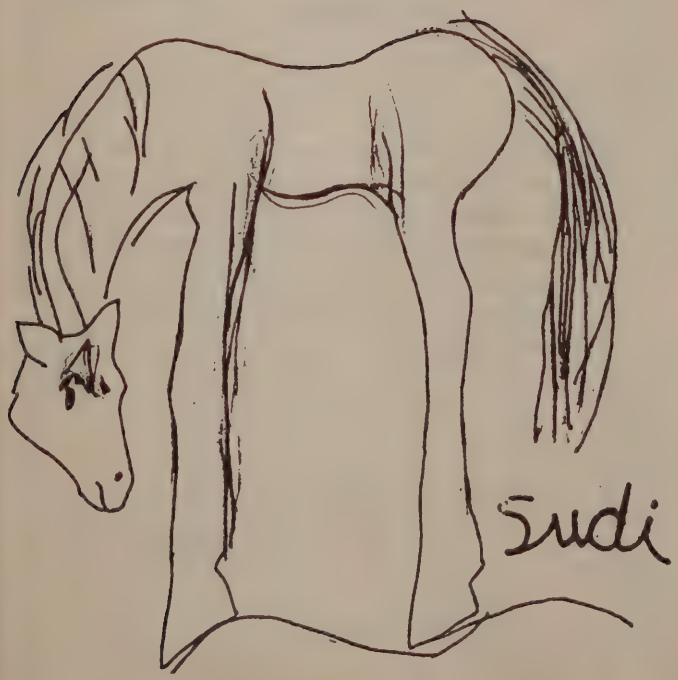
Yes, bring it as a gift. I might revolve this thing
Spun on quick fingertips, stare with restless eyes.
Drawn by urgent bruitings, I once went ferreting,
Uncovered rotted rumor. Still, like avid callow boy
Musing magic nakedness, I long for it now.

Be content? Integrity is being's core?
Constituent reality of—The Self? But Self
Is ten thousand shifts & dodges. *No; quest*
For beauty, ache for love, the gaunt dwarf Pity
Pitiless astride? I'll grant it so.
And hates, fears, shynesses & slynesses,
Lustings & greed, clumsiness or grace.
Concede what you find, the million determinants
Whirled in muddy heavings, maelstrom of the heart.

But sunk among these seething stews
Coruscates Integrity, luminous nucleus
Without which all would be exploding
On mind's smeared and fear-crazed panes?
Find it then. Pluck courage. Plunge. Successful,
Bring it as a gift. I'll stare nor spin, but rest
In joy sans measuring. For it will be
Time's treasure. It will be,
Oh blesséd gift, a fierce-edged diamond
To cut the chains of song.

— Jim Michelman

Unicorn foal

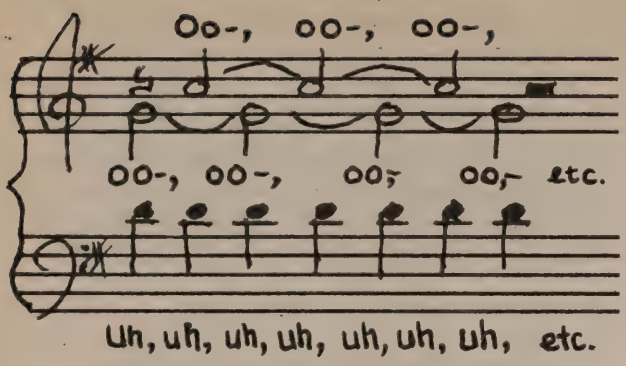


UNTITLED

Trellis well thy heart, my dear,
With spiked vines and sweet.
Both beautify and fend it well
For love is strong, but love is fleet.

Then sit within thy heart, my dear,
and vex the passerby
With words of wisdom set with thorns
And yearning, downcast eye.
Do thou this, and so shall I.

— Harold Corbin
(from *Counting: II*)



COLLOQUY OF BEAVERS

At 6:00 a.m. on August 13, 1991, I overheard the conversation noted here between an adult beaver and two young ones. They were in the outer beaver pond at the east end of Lake Garfield. The young ones were saying, "Oo, oo, . . .," and the adult was saying "Uh, uh, uh . . ." (the first beaver chorus I've ever heard). They were half visible in the water among clumps of marsh grass and highbush blueberry bushes. After about five minutes of this, the adult swam up to within three feet of my canoe and dived with a prodigious splash. I took it to be a request for me to leave and I did so.

— David P. McAllester

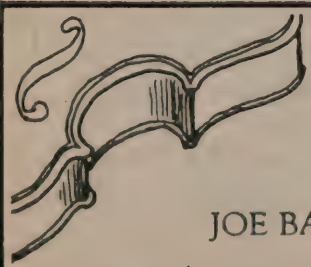
ENIGMA

My first is in April but not in showers.
My second in spring but not in flowers.
In September my third you'll find.
My fourth is in lemon though not in the rind.
My fifth's not in sour, but it is in sweet.
My whole is something good to eat.
What am I?

Find the letters that spell the answer.

— E. Kimberley

Answer on page 18



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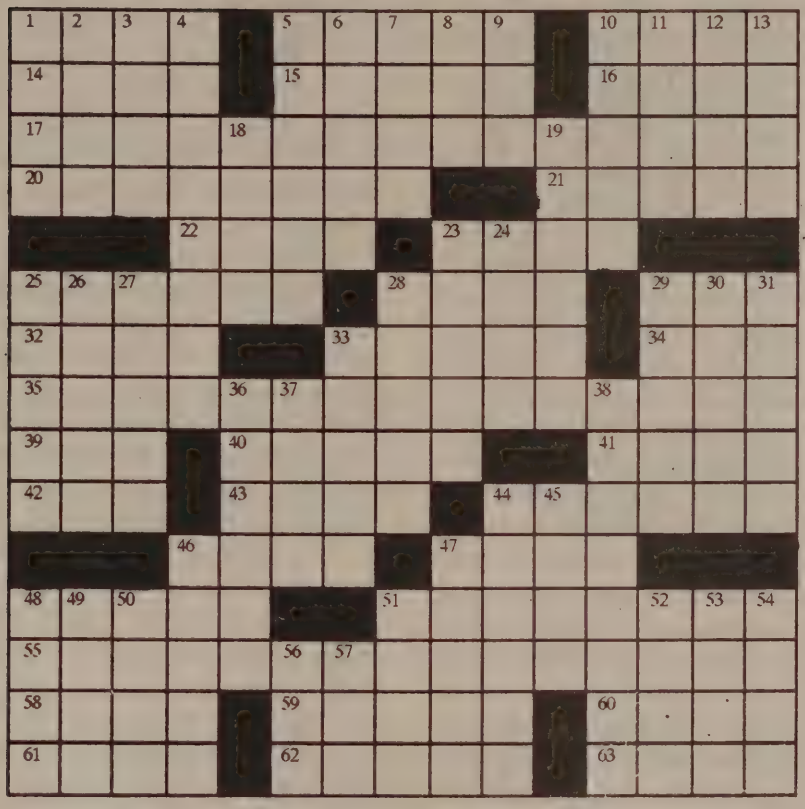

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15 Apples, e.g.
16 Fuss
17 "REMEMBER____"
20 City pest
21 Contest site
22 Study
23 Support
25 Moynihan
28 Net
29 Fast plane
32 Thought
33 Native Israeli
34 Abbr. used by weathermen
35 "A LITTLE ____MISCHIEF"
39 Malt drink
40 Diaphanous
41 Island of exile
42 Gun the motor
43 Sticks
44 Show
46 Whether___
47 Dessicated
48 Singer Cesare
51 Apart
55 "_____ RUINED BY TRADE"
58 Object of worship
59 Liberates
60 Dickens heroine
61 Some MIA's
62 Prophets
63 Tedious to 19 down

DOWN

1 Clever remark
2 Tennis name
3 Caesar's second remark
4 Stuff
5 Helix
6 Wanderer
7 "___a man with seven wives"
8 Maritime prov.
9 Draft org.
10 Large bird
11 Sharpen
12 Yemeni port
13 Spanish painter
18 Corner
19 Scottish botanist
23 Child's animal favorite
24 Light
25 Foreign coin
26 Girl's name
27 Desert for 33 across
28 Pasttimes
29 Upright stone
30 Biblical kingdom
31 Wave or basin
33 Office worker
36 Morale
37 Gab
38 Minister
44 Overtake again
45 Periods
46 Precious stones
47 Tailor
48 Small one
49 Chemical prefix
50 Poetically ample
51 Snicker___
52 Swear
53 Prefix meaning far
54 Gardner
56 Conditions
57 Mine output

Answers on page 18

WHO'S WHO IN MONTEREY
The Lazzarini Family

Bob and Muriel Lazzarini came to us from California, originally; their friendly enthusiasm reflects those wide horizons and sunny skies. They met at UCLA, where she was a theater arts major and he was a graduate student in molecular biology. The arts and sciences made such a good combination in this case that Bob and Muriel eloped while they were still at UCLA. Then they moved to Maryland, where Bob did post-doctoral work at Johns Hopkins University. While he studied, Muriel worked at odd jobs, and they both became deeply engaged in the civil rights movement in Baltimore.

After Johns Hopkins, Bob moved on to a job at the National Institutes of Health. Now the Lazzarinis were able to settle down. They bought an old farmhouse in Virginia, where they combined country living with a good deal of house remodeling, and they started a family. Five years later they moved to a delightful suburban neighborhood in Maryland.

Over his twenty-five years at NIH, Bob's research on Alzheimer's and other related diseases of the nervous system made him well-known in the profession. And at home, in addition to raising the children, Muriel started a bakery. She installed a commercial oven in the basement and was soon producing fifty loaves of special kinds of bread a day. Bob helped make deliveries when he came home from work.

Muriel went on to join a women's cooperative bakery, became a pastry chef, then a chef, then the executive manager of a restaurant in Georgetown, and after that finally a caterer. Eventually, she sold her catering business to devote more time to working with the elderly, especially victims of stroke and Alzheimer's disease.

Meanwhile, the children were growing up. Jonathan, who is now 28, went to Guilford College in Maryland. After two years, he left to work with emotionally handicapped children. His special skills with adolescents brought him to the Regional Institute for Children and Adolescents in Rockville, Maryland, where the program in human services seems ideally suited to his talents.

Next came Alison, a serious, hardworking girl with an interest in poetry and a possible academic career. She spent two wonderful years at the University of Wisconsin and had just started her third when she was afflicted with cancer. With the rare courage of the young she helped her family and friends bear the trauma of her short illness and death.

Diana, now sixteen, is an eager student who also likes cooking, writing, and photography. She thinks she might go into child psychology. At this writing she is just finishing an exciting month in the Southwest with a group of other young people in a Trailmark program of rock climbing, river kayaking, visiting the Ute Indian Reservation and other explorations afforded by that fascinating part of the country.

Alison's death led the Lazzarinis to reassess their lives and consider the possibility of a new start in a different setting. Bob accepted an opportunity to lead a research team in his specialty at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine, and so they came to New York City, but when they moved into an apartment, they realized that they were spoiled for city living and began a search for a country home. Muriel started driving out into Westchester County, looking, and kept on looking right into the Berkshires.

When they saw their present house in Monterey, with its view of Lake Garfield, their search was over. They were as attracted to the town and its spirit as they were to the mountain scenery. Bob was soon lending his scientific expertise and calm judgment to the Lake Management Committee of the Lake Garfield Association. Muriel, also on the Committee, is thinking of ways to increase the socializing aspect of the Association and has recently become its secretary. She and Diana took up residence in Monterey last April. Diana entered Monument Mountain High School. Muriel has found another outlet for her formidable energy as a volunteer tour guide at Tanglewood.

The family is looking forward to a time when Bob's administrative duties at Mount Sinai will not be so heavy and he can become a full-time resident, too. But cutbacks in federal support for research have made independent research projects more important than ever, and Bob's responsibilities are currently increasing. It has been a treat for the Lazzarinis that many of Bob's faculty and students come from other countries, especially the Orient. The resulting international friendships have been a big part of their lives.

It is a pleasure to welcome the Lazzarini family into our community. Their service orientation is highly compatible with a town where much of what has to be done is carried out by volunteers.

— David P. McAllester

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MONTEREY HISTORY

Report On The Lake Garfield Dam

After much hard work by many agencies, committees and individuals, Monterey is now the proud owner of a new dam, a new pond, and a new roadway at Lake Garfield.

For those of you who have not had the opportunity to do so, I would suggest that you drive to the dam location at Beartown Road and walk to the top of the earth structure to see for yourself what a magnificent sight it presents.

This new project was not accomplished easily. In fact, it appeared as if a new roadblock was presented at every phase of this operation. It was only through the whole-hearted cooperation of everyone involved that the project reached completion. It is an excellent example of the benefits that citizens may accrue as a result of all pulling together to gain a goal that is in the best interests of the whole community.

As described in last year's town report, bids were opened for the construction of the new dam on December 21, 1971. The actual work by the contractor commenced on April 4, 1972, and the contractor suspended operations with the work substantially completed on November 22, 1972. There will be some minor work done in the spring of 1973, such as grading and seeding the loamed areas and repairing any minor washouts that may occur due to weathering.

It may be of interest to you to know that during construction approximately 55,000 cubic yards of material were incorporated into the project and approximately 40,000 cubic yards of various materials were excavated from the area. This represents about 8,000 truck loads of material. Also, that 530 feet of pipe seven feet in diameter were used as equalizers between the new and old lakes. As you know, as part of the whole project, the Tyringham Road was relocated westerly to eliminate a hazardous curve. There were seventeen acres of land cleared, including all the stumps from the new pond area so that the bottom is free from hazards and potential decaying matter. In addition, a new well was drilled and placed in operation to replace one that was in the construction area and supplied several families with water. The new well brought in a quantity of good water that far surpassed the amount that was available from the old discontinued well.

All in all, the construction was carried out with a minimum of disturbance to normal town activities and in spite of severe adverse weather conditions caused by a year of record-breaking precipitation. Those involved in this project are to be congratulated for the careful and prompt manner in which it was carried out.

One of the unusual conditions encountered during the construction process was the fact that in August of 1972 a petition with approximately 100 signatures of primarily summer residents at the lake was presented to various authorities charged with the responsibility of the construction requesting that the design elevation of the new lake level be raised six inches above the old normal lake level. After much discussion with many individuals and groups the Selectmen agreed to a four-inch increase in the normal level of the lake. This was approved, and on September 6, 1972, instuctions were relayed to the designer and contractor to proceed to construct the facility to the new elevation. This change has added an additional impoundment capacity of over 30 million gallons, which can only improve the beneficial effects for the recreational use of this lake.

Those of us who live in Monterey now and those for many generations to come will benefit from this improved lake. Lake Garfield is one of the town's greatest assets, and we should be grateful to all who had a part in the implementation of the new dam.

Because there were so many different groups and individuals involved in the work of acquiring the new dam from the early stages to its completion, I would humbly suggest that an appropriate dedication be held at the dam site in July 1973 with an ecumenical service in the morning and a picnic in the afternoon and that a plaque be erected at that time inscribed, "To all the citizens of Monterey who through their resources of time and talent preserved Lake Garfield for the enjoyment of this generation and future generations to come."

I also suggest that the new pond be named "Lake Monterey" in honor of the town of which we are all so proud.

— Dean P. Amidon
(from the 1972 Annual Report of
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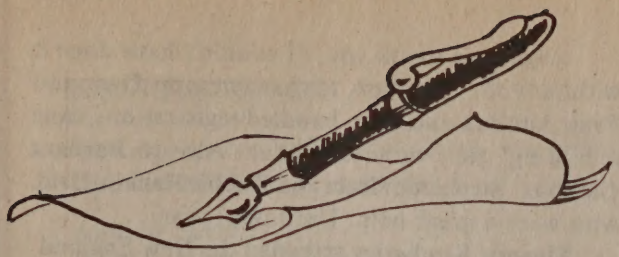

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who contributed to my bike ride for cancer. I made it through the 194-mile trip from Sturbridge to Provincetown on August 10 and 11. I was one of 1,200 bikers and had a support staff of over 700 volunteers providing food, medical attention, bike repair, traffic control and many other needed services. Last year we were able to give the Dana Farber Cancer Institute 1.2 million dollars from our fund-raising efforts. Only 8% of what we raise is needed to pay for trip expenses. I have raised almost $1,000 so far. Thank you again. Would anybody like to ride with me next year?

— Roger Tryon

MARGARET WHITE

Mrs. Margaret B. White, 98, of Tyringham Road died at Great Barrington Healthcare, where she had been a resident for several years. She was a direct descendant of the Rev. Adonijah Bidwell, who was the first minister in Monterey.

She was born in Great Barrington on January 9, 1893, the daughter of Orlando C. and Helen Higley Bidwell. She attended local schools and Mount Holyoke College. She studied commercial art in New York City.

Mrs. White was a free-lance commercial artist and illustrator.

A political activist since the beginning of World War II, she was one of the founders of the Democratic Party in Monterey. In 1982, she participated in the huge Peace Parade in New York City, where 750,000 people marched for nuclear disarmament.

Mrs. White was a longtime member of the Monterey Grange, the former Ladies Aid Society and the United Church of Christ. With her husband, she was active in efforts to improve the public school system in Monterey and surrounding towns, efforts which led to the establishment of the regional school system.

Her husband, Fred C. White, died January 5, 1969.

She leaves a sister, Mrs. Helen B. Shaw of Monterey.

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PERSONAL NOTES

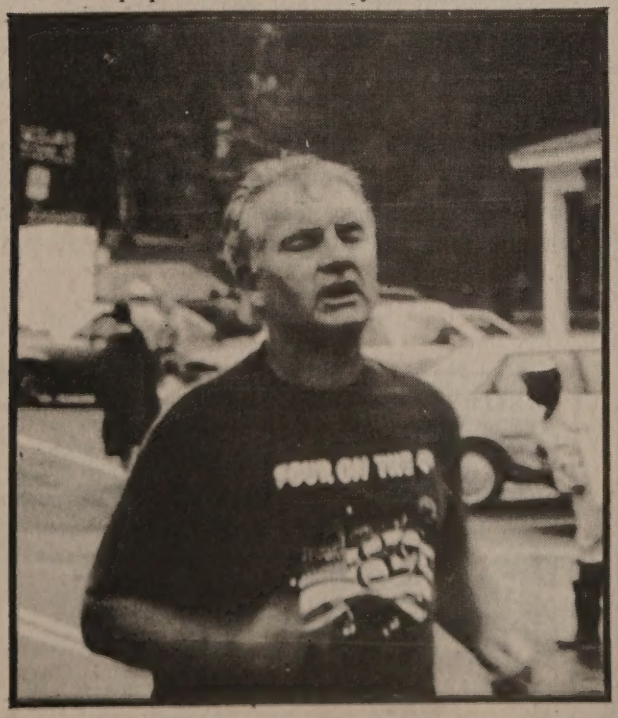
On Saturday, July 13, 73 runners participated in the tenth annual "I Love Monterey Day" road race. Kevin Manghan of Berkshire was the winner with a time of 24:40, just 13 seconds off the course record set in 1985. Jamie Minacci of Easthampton was the top woman finisher in 29:24.

Monterey women who completed the 4.5 mile Knox Trail run were **Brittany Piretti**, under-20 division; **Susan Roussin**, who placed third in the 20-29 division; **Sandra Knox Crine**, who placed second, and **Caro Dellenbaugh-Dempsey**, who earned third, in the 30-39 division; and **Jane Crotty**, who was third in the 40-49 division.

Monterey men included **Matt Sermini**; **Chris Hines**, who earned third in the 20-29 division; **Jesse Jaffe**; **Bill Bohn**; **Ray Bish**; **Frank Crotty**; **Ed Salsitz**; **Larry Bienmann**; **Bob Rausch**; **Mike O'Connor**; **Peter Laitman**; and **Bob Gauthier**.

Competing in the half-mile fun run were **Brittany Piretti**, **Arianna Romairone**, **Eric Roper**, **Michael Rankin-Held**, and **David Rankin-Held**, the overall winner of the fun run.

Congratulations to all the runners, and a big round of applause for race director Bob Gauthier, whose efforts have made the Monterey race one of the most popular in the county.



Bob Gauthier, revered race director, approaching the finish

And a big thank you, "I couldn't have done it without you," says Bob, to that awesome **Dean** and **Fran Amidon** duo, who handled registrations, time recording, etc., without a hitch. Also to **Barbara Gauthier**, **Stephanie Grotz** and **Debbie Rankin-Held**, who were a great help. Until next year....

Eleanor Kimberley attended the New England Camera Club Conference at the University of Masschusetts in Amherst, held in July. The Camera College included lectures by instructors from ten states and Canada, as well as photo shooting sessions. And, speaking of Eleanor, we hope that some of our readers were, or will be, fortunate enough to see some of her color photographs on display at the Great Barrington Savings Bank. Four of her photographs have graced the walls at the bank since the beginning of August and will be there through the first week of September.

Hearty congratulations to **Cynthia Hebert** and **John Lloyd, III** on their marriage. Cindy, daughter of **Bob** and **Linda Hebert** of Tyringham Road, and John, from Lenox, were married on August 17 at St. Stephen's Church in Pittsfield. Following a reception in Pittsfield, the couple left for a honeymoon trip in Nova Scotia.

And congratulations to **Paul** and **Estelle Gelbard** of Point Road, Lake Garfield, who were made grandparents twice in July. **Daniel Jason Gelbard,** son of **Randy** and **Adrian Gelbard,** was born on July 3. **Cara Jill Gelbard,** daughter of **Arlen** and **Jane Gelbard,** arrived on July 24.

Happy Birthday wishes to **Dinah Mielke** on September 2, to **Gabrielle Haapanen** and **Candice Piretti** on September 3, to **Katie Vallianos** on September 4, to **Kathleen Tillet** on September 10, to **Erin Piretti** on September 12, to **Jeff Gauthier** on September 13, to **Christina Vallianos** on September 23, to **Ellen Coburn** on September 24, to **Jamie Ziegler** on September 25 and, last, but not least, to myself on September 26. And very Happy Anniversary wishes to **Arthur** and **Alice Somers** on September 12 and to **Bob** and **Barbara Gauthier** on September 17.

Your news contributions, birthday wishes, etc., are appreciated. Please jot down any news you'd like to share and drop it in the mail to me, Route 23, or give me a call at 528-4519. Thanks in advance!

— Stephanie Grotz

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CALENDAR

Tuesday, September 3—Prayer meeting at the home of Alice & Arthur Somers, 7:00 a.m.

Sunday, September 8—Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, begins at sundown. Here's to a year of good health, happiness and prosperity for all readers of the *Monterey News*.

Tuesday, September 10—Community Council organizational meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the home of Alice and Arthur Somers.

Wednesday, September 11—Community Dinner, 6:30 p.m. in the church basement. See Community Dinner news elsewhere in this issue for information about the program.

Thursday, September 12—Friends of Silence meditation at the home of Alice and Arthur Somers, 7:30 a.m.

Saturday, September 14—SQUARE AND CONTRA DANCE, New England-style, at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, Mass. 8:30-11:30 p.m. Beginners and children welcome. All dances taught by caller Joe Baker, music by Mountain Laurel. Refreshments served. Adults $4, children $1 to dance until intermission. Information: 528-9385.

Tuesday, September 17—Free Blood Pressure Clinic, 9:00-10:30 a.m., downstairs at the town hall.

Saturday, September 28—SQUARE AND CONTRA DANCE, New England-style, at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, Mass. 8:30-11:30 p.m. This program is for people who have some square or contradance experience. All dances taught by caller Joe Baker, music by Mountain Laurel. Refreshments served. Admission $4. Information: 528-9385.

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